

Economic Snapshot: O R Tambo District

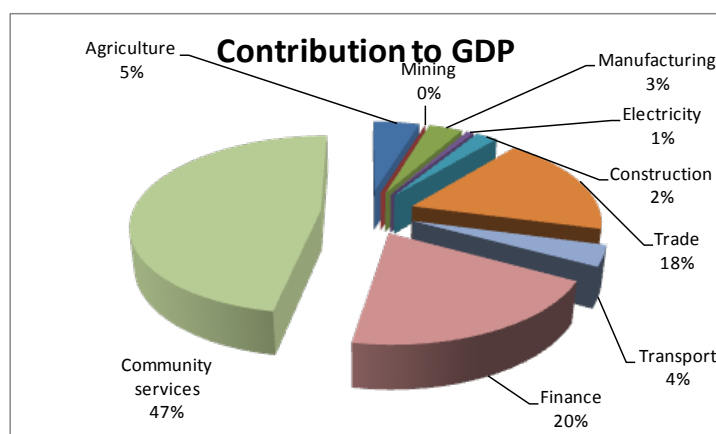
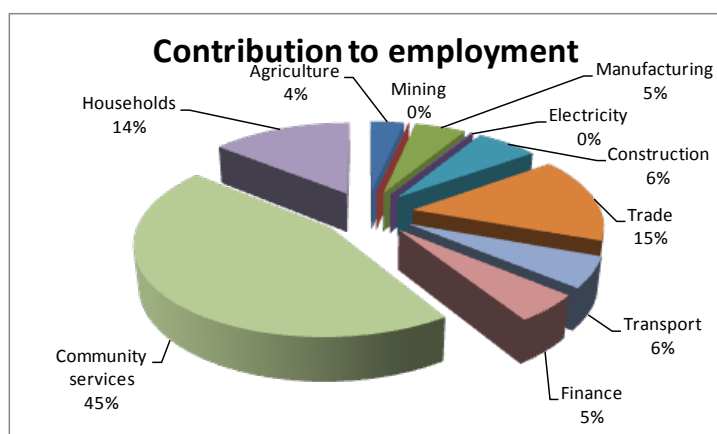
The O R Tambo district is located in the east of the Eastern Cape. The district stretches from the Indian Ocean to the Ukhahlamba mountains. The district is 12 857km² and is made up of Ingquza Hill, Port St Johns, Nyandeni, Mhlonitlo and King Sabata Dalindyebo local municipalities.

District Socio-Economic Indicators 2010

Population	1 397 742	Number of people unemployed	66 234
Population of working age	754 623	Official Unemployment rate	41%
No of households	328 716	No of people with Matric and certificate/diploma	37 899
GDP growth rate	1%	Access to electricity	61%
GDP per capita	7 793	Access to formal housing	27%
Poverty rate	60%	Access to hygienic toilets	34%
Literacy	52%	Access to water at or above RDP Standard	28%
Number of people employed	90 846		

Economic Sector Overview

The district economy is largely driven by government, both in terms of employment and economic growth. Community services contribute 47% of O R Tambo district's GDP, followed by finance (20%) and trade (18%).



IDP and LED strategic priorities

The OR Tambo District Municipal IDP focuses on internal transformation, access to basic services, spatial development and land use management, operational strategies and disaster management.

Current LED initiatives focus on tourism, agriculture, livestock improvement, business development and investment promotion, cooperatives and SMME support and strengthening the economic research capacity of the district.

Opportunities to facilitate economic growth and create jobs

It is envisaged that major economic growth and job opportunities will be facilitated by transport infrastructure in the coming years. Major projects include the N2 Wild Coast road (estimated capex R8-10 billion), Wild Coast Meander (estimated capex R4.3 billion), Mthatha airport (estimated capex R4.6 billion) and the Kei Rail improvement project (estimated capex min R400 million).

